

# Education, Training & Practice Committee

## ETPC Lay Member Role Description

The UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP) is a membership organisation which exists to promote and maintain the professions of psychotherapy and psychotherapeutic counselling, and the highest standards in their practice for the benefit of the public.

The Education, Training, and Practice Committee (ETPC) is a key Regulatory Committee of UKCP and has a demanding and important portfolio of work. It is responsible for the setting and maintaining the professional standards of education, training and continuing professional development for all UKCP Registered psychotherapists and psychotherapeutic counsellors.

We are seeking a lay person to join our Education, Training & Practice Committee (ETPC). By 'lay' we mean applicants who are not UKCP members or employees, nor from other psychological professions.

### Main Duties and Responsibilities

- To attend the ETPC Committee, which meets for a minimum of 5 meetings per annum.
- To provide an external perspective on setting, reviewing, and maintaining professional standards relating to the education, training and practice of practising UKCP members.
- To liaise and, where necessary, work closely with UKCP's other Regulatory Committees including the Professional Regulatory Committee for Colleges and Faculties (PRCCF), the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC), and the organisation's Registrar.
- To liaise and, where necessary, work closely with UKCP's Executive Committee, the Higher Education Special Interest Group, and the Ethics Committee.
- To assist the ETPC in assessing and approving models of education, training and practice of psychotherapists & psychotherapeutic counsellors working with adults and with children & young people. These functions are carried out within a framework informed by best practice in relation to diversity, equality, inclusion and social responsibility.
- To ensure that the UKCP's Diversity and Equalities Statement is upheld in the exercise of its functions.

### Essential Experience

- A positive interest in Mental Health & Wellbeing.
- Experience in the training / education or continual development of professionals, or setting professional standards. This may include: the development of training modules and programmes; and or the enhancement of trainee experience; and or, experience in the enhancement and continual development of professionals.

## Desirable Experience

- Experience of working within charitable organisations at committee and policy level.
- A familiarity of mental health professions, education, and health sectors.
- A familiarity with regulatory and accreditation processes.
- Awareness of Equality Diversity and Inclusion.
- Awareness of safeguarding.

## Why join us?

Working alongside committee members, and UKCP staff, you will have the opportunity to:

- Get involved in the work of an important UKCP committee.
- Gain experience of working within a well-established professional body.
- Develop your professional networks.
- Enhance your own professional development.
- Make a difference to the psychotherapy profession.

## UKCP Behaviours

Adhere to the following behaviours, which are based on the fundamental values on how everyone at UKCP works together:

- Recognise each other's skills, experience and passion.
- Commit to engaging others positively and constructively.
- Accountable for the integrity of the UKCP and the profession we represent.
- Take responsibility for our working culture.
- Lead by example.

## Time Commitment and Compensation

The usual term of office for lay members of the ETPC is normally 2-3 years.

The role will require you to attend 4 half-day meetings, and one full-day meeting per annum (remotely via Zoom, or in-person in London when it is safe to do so). It is expected that members will make a commitment to attend all meetings in each year.

Additional non-contact hours and collaborative work by email are required to ensure completion of ETPC's portfolio of work.

The ETPC Lay Member is a voluntary, unpaid position. Expenses will be paid according to UKCP's Expenses Policy.